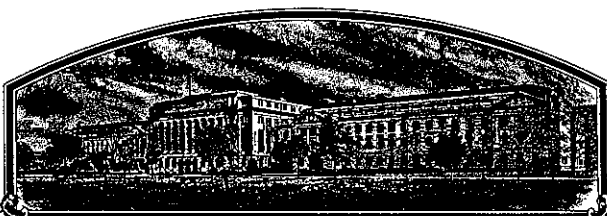


No.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Northrup King Co.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'B117'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the Plant
Variety Protection Office to be affixed
at the City of Washington, D. C.
this 19th day of February in
the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and eighty-eight.

Attest:

Kenneth H. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Richard E. Lyng
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

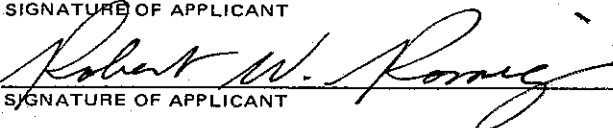
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION X609, W000779		3. VARIETY NAME B117	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440		5. PHONE (Include area code) 612-593-7333		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY VPVO NUMBER 8700110	
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max		7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING DATE April 2, 1987 TIME 9:30 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.	
8. KIND NAME Soybean		9. DATE OF DETERMINATION March, 1986		FEE RECEIVED AMOUNT FOR FILING \$ 1800.00 DATE April 2, 1987 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE \$ 200.00 DATE December 4, 1987	
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation					
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware				12. DATE OF INCORPORATION 1986	
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Robert W. Romig Northrup King Co. P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440 PHONE (Include area code): 612-593-7305					
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)					
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.)					
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.					
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.					
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified		
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT 				DATE March 30, 1987	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT				DATE	

EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

- 1977-79. The Northrup King soybean research group at Washington, Iowa made the cross 'S1346' x 'A1564' and advanced the population to F₅. In September, 1979, we harvested 100 random plants and threshed them individually.
1980. We grew each of the 100 plant selections in an F₆ progeny row. One of these, numbered W000779, was selected based on early maturity and agronomic appearance to be tested in a preliminary yield trial. This line was subsequently named B117.
- 1981-84. We tested B117 in replicated yield trials at several midwestern U.S. and Canadian locations and found it to yield well in comparison to other late Group 0 and early Group I varieties. We identified and confirmed the descriptive characteristics purple flowers, grey pubescence, brown pods, yellow hila, and dull seed coat luster. We tested B117 for resistance to Races 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 of Phytophthora megasperma by inoculation of detached cotyledons and found it to be susceptible. We tested it for resistance to iron-deficiency chlorosis on calcareous soil in northwest Iowa and found it to have an intermediate reaction.
- In 1984 we initiated seed increase from 500 grams of carefully hand rogued seed. We removed all plants not conforming to the variety description by roguing the increase block several times. Growth and maturity were uniform.
- 1985-86. We continued to test B117 in advanced yield trials to confirm descriptive characteristics and performance.

We grew Breeder Seed of B117 in 1985 from the initial increase made in 1984. The field was rogued several times. We produced Foundation Seed of B117 in 1986. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association inspected the production field and found it to meet the standards for Foundation Seed. B117 was approved for eligibility for Certification by the National Soybean Variety Review Board on December 11, 1986.

B117 is a stable and uniform soybean variety except for seed coat peroxidase activity. Seed coats with both high and low activity are present. We have observed no other variants in six years of testing and three years of seed increase other than minor, environmentally induced variation normally encountered in a soybean variety.

We will maintain varietal purity by use of progeny rows as needed.

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EXHIBIT B
-- Amended --

Novelty Statement for the Variety

Soybean variety B117 is most similar to Evans, S09-90, and Dassel. It can be differentiated from all these on the basis of reaction to Races 1 and 2 of *Phytophthora megasperma*. B117 is susceptible; Dassel, S09-90, and Evans are resistant. B117 can be further differentiated from Evans by flower color. B117 has purple flowers; Evans has white flowers. It can be further differentiated from S09-90 by pod color. B117 has brown pods while S09-90 has tan pods.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION X609, W000779	VARIETY NAME B117
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440 Attention: Robert W. Romig		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8700110

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,).

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = ≤ 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2 ; T/W = ≤ 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2 ; L/T ratio = ≤ 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2 ; T/W > 1.2)

2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High
Both high and low types are present.

8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a) 2 = Type B (SP1^b)

9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 11 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

14. POD COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 11 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 31 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 41 = 000
9 = VI2 = 00
10 = VII3 = 0
11 = VIII4 = I
12 = IX5 = II
13 = X

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

☐Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)☐Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)☐Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

☐ 1Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)☐

Race 1

☐

Race 2

☐

Race 3

☐

Race 4

☐

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)☐Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 2Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)☐ 2Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

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19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

☒ 1 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
☒ 1 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
☐ Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
 Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
☒ 1 Race 1 ☒ 1 Race 2 ☒ 1 Race 3 ☒ 1 Race 4 ☒ 1 Race 5 ☒ 1 Race 6 ☒ 1 Race 7
☒ 1 Race 8 ☒ 1 Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

☐ Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
☐ Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
☐ Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
☐ Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
☐ Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
☒ 1 Race 1 ☒ 1 Race 2 ☒ 1 Race 3 ☒ 1 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____
☐ Lance Nematode (*Hoplaimus Colombus*)
☐ Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
☐ Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
☐ Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
☐ Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

☒ 1 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

☐ Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
☐ Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	S1346	Seed Coat Luster	S1346
Leaf Shape	S1346	Seed Size	Dawson
Leaf Color	S09-90	Seed Shape	B152
Leaf Size	Evans	Seedling Pigmentation	Hodgson

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	123	2.0	78	4.7	10.7	44.0	21.4	14.7	2-3
Evans Name of Similar Variety	121	2.9	82	4.3	11.8	43.8	22.3	15.8	2-3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A₂ in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
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EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of the Variety

Soybean variety B117 is an early Maturity Group I cultivar maturing between Evans and Hodgson 78. It exhibits long hypocotyl reaction when grown in 4.5 inches of sand at 77° F for 14 days.

EXHIBIT E

Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.

Soybean variety B117 was developed by the Northrup King Co. soybean breeding staff from germplasm sources cited in Exhibit A of this application. Northrup King Co. believes that the variety is novel as defined in the Plant Variety Protection Act and, therefore, that Northrup King is the sole owner of the variety.